

[No report.]

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

JANUARY 20, 1857.

Read twice, and committed to the Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union.

Mr. PRINGLE, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, reported the following bill:

A BILL

Authorizing the appointment of a superintendent of Indian affairs for the Territories of Oregon and Washington, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*
3 the President of the United States be and he is authorized to
4 nominate, and, by and with the advice and consent of the
5 Senate, to appoint a superintendent of Indian affairs in and for
6 the Territories of Oregon and Washington, at a salary of three
7 thousand dollars per annum, whose duty it shall be to exercise
8 a general superintendence over all the Indian tribes in the said
9 Territories, and to exercise and perform all the usual powers
10 and duties assigned by law to other superintendents of Indian

11 affairs, and to negotiate, under the direction of the President
12 treaties with the several Indian tribes in the said Territories,
13 and for the removal of such Indians, if deemed practicable and
14 expedient, and also for obtaining their assent and submission
15 to existing laws regulating trade and intercourse with the
16 Indian tribes, so far as the same may be applicable.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the duties of
2 the present superintendents of Indian affairs for the Territory
3 of Oregon and for the Territory of Washington be transferred
4 to the superintendent for whose appointment provision is
5 made in the first section of this act.